Rights Obtained Based Upon International Community of Interests.

NEGOTIATED IN 1911

Story of Accomplishment Told by Rear Admiral

By REAR ADMIRAL C. M. CHES-TER. U. S. N.

In writing on the subject of peace between nations the late Admiral Lord John Fisher, R. N., who for

Let us hope that another war with her will never occur again.

The history of the world shows that a ration lives by its commerce, that great system of barter and exchange which is the life spring of a community. A icountry may have a superabundance of natural resources, but unless these be developed to their fullest capacity and exchanged for commodities that cannot be produced in the home land in such a way as to protect the balance of trade progress ceases and decadence follows. progress ceases and decadence follows. Home markets alone do not give the ancentive for trade needful for the de-velopment of our national life. Foreign

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markets must be found for our surplus products and te act as relief to our francial system wan by reason of panics, strikes and other industrial disturbances the home market has become disarranged. Then if commerce he the principal sock in trade let us insist on our right "to live in the sun."

In seeking for new lines for commercial expansion at the beginning of this new era in our foreign trade policy the North American republic naturally tooks lo longingly to our neighbors in sistence our own politicarity of whome si

Lord John Fisher, R. N., who for knowledge of navalism and diplomacy had but few peers in the world (and it is upon these two coordinates of government that England especially is dependent), said: "This truth is (and ever will be) the fact that the only pact that ever holds and the only pact that ever holds and the only pact that ever holds is community of interests."

Now communism does not simply mean harmony between nations in political affairs, such as was called for styling and harmony between nations in political affairs, such as was called for the best inducement for the expansion of our trade in Asia, but when our nation of our was in its early childhood "spheres of influence" were established around the expension of our trade in Asia, but when our national interests."

Now communism does not simply mean harmony between nations in political affairs, such as was called for styling the such that direction, to say cotton and the still act as a buropean nations in those dark days of the world conflict in April, 1917, when he made his pathetic appeal to the Pressident: "Save or we perish," but it is the doctrine of community of property as well. In this respect Lord Fisher's postulate is certainly worthy of consideration at this time of world reconstruction.

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ous of contributing as much as may be in my power toward promoting our commercial interests in the countries of Asia and eastern Europe that are now opening their doors to Western civilization and trade, and I therefore take the lib-erty of addressing you on this sub-

ject.

Understanding that you are about to engage in a mission partly official and partly civic which may lead you into the vicinity of these countries, it appears to me that an officer of your position in the navy of the United States, which has as one of its chiefest glories the credit of laying nathways across the seas for

of its chiefest glories the credit of laying pathways across the seas for our commerce, may be able to secure ready access to information that might be of benefit to our chamber as well as to kindred organizations of this country which are seeking light in this direction.

I will write to ask, therefore, your engagements permitting, if you will kindly furnish me at the end of your trip abroad with a report of any matters that you think will tend to the betterment of our country's foreign trade or upon any other subjects that in your opinion are of interest or advantage to the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York.

GUSTAV H. SCHWAB, Chairman,

Carried Other Credentials.

Definite Policy Needed.

The representations made by our Government recently to Great Britain and France asking equal opportunities for the citizens of this country in the development of oil fields in Mesopotamia assure us that the President, at least, will not permit our rights there to be jeopardized, but we want a policy, not a dictum of a short lived Administration, to indicate our rights in the progress of

United States at the Ninth International Congress of Geographers, which took place at Geneva in July of that year, and knowing of my intended trip to the Continent Mr. Charles A. Moore of New York saked me if I would be willing to investigate a proposition for the construction of a railroad in Turkey whose value had been brought to his attention by governmental and other authorities. I said that with the approval of the State Department I would do so. Whereupon I was furnished with a commission which is as follows:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NEW YORK,

me, there is a way of using force with-out committing violence, and we applied it and secured the indemnity.

As in all such matters occurring in the Ottoman Empire, the visit of the Kentucky to Turkish waters was imme-diately made an express by some Euro-

diately made an excuse by some Euro-pean chancelleries in Constantinople to carry out their selfish aims against the Turk; and, as I was later told by the Ottoman Minister to the United States, he received commendation from the Suttan for his efforts to prevent the two countries from being embroned in an in-ternational war, while I was offered and refused a decoration from the Sultan for my pac-fic actions in the Ottoman capi-tal at the same time.

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were especially strong in the popular indigence actions in the Ottoman capital at the same time.

Upon reaching Constantinople in June, 1908, I was met with a most cordial invitation from the Sultan Abdul Hamid to "make myself at home" in his "beautiful headquarters"; and upon making known the object of my visit in less than a month's time I was tentatively granted a concession to build a railroad from the vicinity of Alexandretta to and along the Euphrates River as far as we desired to go. Coupled with this grant was a request from his Majesty that the American company to be formed to take over this convention should also undertake the construction by itself, or allocate to other industrial concerns, the entire public works of the Ottoman Enpire, his only stipulation being that the American syndicate, representing a people who had no political axes to grind in Turkey, should have charge of the works.

On July 23 I proceeded to Geneva, in the concession, and Sir Baberta to the contracts.

dollars there in the interest of the social development of the people of the
Ottoman Empire, while his field of action was located in a region where Great
Britain controlled more of China's trade
than was possessed by all the other
countries combined. Lord Beresford
brought back a voluminous report of
conditions prevailing in his balliwick,
rublished in book form, called "The
Breaking Up of China": I, on the other
hand, reported to the American Board
of Trade the dawn of a new era in the
Ottoman Empire and the "Wakins Up
of Turkey."

Upon my acceptance of the duty delegated to me by New York's commercial
bodies application was made to the Hon.
Ellius Root, Secretary of State, for governmental support in such negotiations
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insistent demand of the leaders in the national legislature, where the Americans were especially strong in the popular mind, and there was but little doubt that the contract would be approved.

Only three days were left, however, to

the west reports were received of the breaking out of a bloodless revolution in Turkey that was to place the Empire upon a constitutional basis. Abdul Hamid was shorn of his power to grant concessions and finally deposed from his high estate as Sultan. Thus the concessions and finally deposed from his high estate as Sultan. Thus the concessions and did not materialize and Abdul

Eilhu Root, Secretary of State, for governmental support in such negotiations as might arise, and he agreed to support the measure, and has done so ever since in every possible way. Eventual, if y I was placed on special duty to carry on this work under the directions of the Secretary of State by President Roosevelt, who also took every opportunity to foster the enterprise. On its way home from its globe encircling cruise in 1998 the American fleet was directed to stop at Smyrna and take on board twelve Turkish naval officers in the Interest of the American concession.

Force Without Violence.

My selection for this delicate mission was no doubt due to the fact that eight years before, in 1899, I had been sent with the United States battleship Kentucky, which I commanded, to Smyrna to lend "moral support" to the United States Minister at Constantinople in his efforts to secure an indemnity for the destruction of property belonging to American missionaries in the so-called Armenian massacres of 1898. While there were no instructions contemplating belligerent action received by me, there is a way of using force without committing violence, and we applied it and secured the indemnity.

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